

July 14, 2010

House Ways and Means Committee, Subcommittee on Social Security  
**Title of Hearing: Social Security at 75 Years**

Dear Members of The Committee on Ways and Means:

I am writing to urge Congress to take action to pass the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R.235/S.484) which would repeal the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision.

These unfair offsets take away some retired employees' benefits that they have earned, forcing them into poverty.

I am a retired Shelby County Tennessee Government employee. I am entitled to receive benefits from my ex-spouses' Social Security. Without these benefits, to which I am entitled, I have a standard of living close to the poverty line. If these provisions are not repealed, I will lose my house and also be unable to purchase required medications. I need these Social Security benefits to survive.

I urge Congress to move the Social Security Fairness Act forward for a vote. In addition, if Congress takes up overall social security reform, I urge inclusion of repeal of the GPO and WEP as part of any reform package.

Sincerely,

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